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SUBJECT: OPRED - TREASURY ATTACHE

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1. AFTER MY CONSULTATION IN THE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK AND MY LATER DISCUSSIONS WITH AFFECTED OFFICERS HERE IN THE EMBASSY, I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE INCREASE IN MEXICO COMPLEMENT OF TWO POSITIONS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A TREASURY OFFICER AS OUR FINANCIAL REPORTING OFFICER AND AN ADDITIONAL SECRETARY. THE APPEALS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEINTRAUB ARE CONVINCING. GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN TREASURY ARE, OF COURSE, OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE'S TELEGRAM 5807 OF JULY 12, 1972, STATED, "AS THE DEPARTMENT AWARE OUR CONCURRENCE IS BASED ON CONDITION THAT FINANCIAL ATTACHE AND HIS SECRETARY OPERATE AS INTEGRAL PART ECONOMIC SECTION RATHER THAN A SEPARATE OFFICE." MY VIEWS ARE EXACTLY AS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE AND IN FACT I FEEL THAT THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT OF A TREASURY OFFICER TO A GIVEN FUNCTION WHICH, WHEN HIS TOUR EXPIRES, MIGHT WELL BE AGAIN PERFORMED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER IF THIS IS DEEMED OPPORTUNE. IF THE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY AGREE, WE CAN PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF LLEWELLYN PASCOE, ABOUT WHOM I HAVE

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HAD GOOD REPORTS.

3. WE HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF RE-ALIGNING THE WORK RESPONSIBILITIES OF FSO CLINT SMITH IN ORDER TO ADJUST TO THIS NEW SITUATION, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL DEVELOP FOR HIM A MEANINGFUL SET OF DUTIES WITH EMPHASIS ON INTERFACING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND TRADE CENTER ACTIVITIES. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS CHANGE WILL INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE TO OUR STAFF HERE (SEE MEXICO 4031) IN ORDER TO EFFECT THE CHANGE. JOVA

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